

The Importance of Tawheed, Part 2 of 8

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Freeing and disassociating from Shirk and the Polytheists

For the Muslim who worships Allaah the Most High with Tawheed, it is incumbent upon him that he frees himself from the polytheists. It is not permissible for him to remain silent whilst ash-Shirk is rampant in the land, tombs are being erected, graves are established, and people are making *at-tawwaaf* (circulating) them.

It is not permissible for the one who believes in Allaah the Most High and the Last Day to remain silent about this infectious disease which is eating and damaging the body of this *Ummah* (nation). Also, it is not permissible for him to say, "I am (only) going to call the people to live their lives in the correct manner, to behave with good manners, to stay away from alcohol, and to stay away from *az-Zina*."

What help or benefit will these matters bring if the foundation is lost? If you wanted to build a building, erect a wall or house isn't the first thing that you start and concern yourself with the foundations and the pillars so that you may erect a sound building? If you did not concern yourself with the foundation, or with the pillars of the building then no matter how high you erect it and no matter how much you decorate it, it is liable to fall down! This is a severe danger upon you and anyone who would enter this building.

Likewise the Religion, if it is not built and erected upon the pure '*Aqeedah* and the correct foundation, which is the Tawheed of Allaah the Most High, freeing oneself from ash-Shirk and distancing the polytheists from the dwellings of al-Islaam, then indeed this Religion would not aid its people because this Religion is not built upon a foundation, and it is not built upon a pure pillar.

The Prophet remained in Makkah, after he was sent with His Message, for thirteen years. He was calling the people to At-Tawheed and saying to the people: "Say: 'None has the right to be worshipped except Allaah the Most High alone' and you will be successful." He was calling them to At-Tawheed!

Those Soorahs, which were revealed in Makkah before *al-Hijrah* (the migration to Medina), as we mentioned to you earlier, were all dealing with the issue of At-Tawheed. They were laying down the correct '*Aqeedah* (creed). When the Tawheed had been established and the correct '*Aqeedah* had been clarified, then the rest of the legislative rulings were revealed.

So the command to establish the Prayer was revealed, and also the command to give Zakaat was revealed. And the command to give Zakaat was revealed in

Madeenah, whereas the command to establish the Prayer was revealed in Makkah on the night of '*Al-Israa wal-Mi'raaj*' (the Ascension), which was before *al-Hijrah* (the Prophet's (Sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) migration), by a few months. So, after Tawheed had been established, and after the correct '*Aqeedah*' had been clarified and explained, then the obligation of *Zakaat*, Fasting and *Hajj* were revealed, and the rest of the legislative rulings of Al-Islam.

This is clarified clearly and evidently when the Prophet (Sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) sent Mu'aadh (Rady Allaahu 'anhu) to Yemen and he laid before him a methodology of *Ad-Da'wah* (calling to Allaah the Most High). So the Prophet (Sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) said to him:

"Verily you are going to a People of the Book, so let the first thing that you call them to be to testify that none has the right to be worshipped except Allaah the Most High..."

Look! He started with Tawheed. Then he said:

"...And if they obey you in this..."

Meaning: that they testified that none has the right to be worshipped in truth except Allaah the Most High and that the '*Aqeedah*' is present.

"...Then inform them that Allaah the Most High (Subhaanahu wa Ta'aala) has made it obligatory upon them five prayers; in the night and in the day. And if they obey you in this, then inform them that Allaah the Most High (Subhaanahu wa Ta'aala) has made *Zakaat* obligatory upon them; this is taken from the wealthy and it is returned to the poor..."

At-Tawheed was the first thing that the Messenger (Sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) commanded Mu'aadh (Rady Allaahu 'anhu) with, when giving *Ad-Da'wah*. This is not something specific to Mu'aadh (Rady Allaahu 'anhu) alone. Rather, it is general to everyone who calls to Allaah the Mighty and Majestic that we start with this fundamental.

If they do not establish and affirm Tawheed, then do not command them with the Prayer because there is no benefit to the Prayer without Tawheed. There is no benefit in *Zakaat* without Tawheed. There is no benefit in *Siyaam* (fasting) without Tawheed. There is no benefit with *Hajj* in the absence of Tawheed.

Allaah the Most High said:

"Indeed it has been revealed to you (O Muhammad) as it was revealed to those who were before you, if you join others in worship with Allaah the Most High, then surely all of your deeds will be in vain and you will certainly be among the losers. Nay! But worship Allaah the Most High alone and be amongst the grateful."

Soorah Az-Zumar (39):65-66

Allaah the Most High said, when mentioning the offspring of Ibraaheem ('alayhis salaam):

"That was Our proof which We gave Ibraaheem against his people; We raise

whom We will in degree. Certainly your Lord is All-Wise, All-Knowing. And We bestowed upon him Ishaq and Ya'qoob, each of them We guided and before him We guided Nooh. And amongst his offspring were Sulaymaan and Daawood and Ayyoob and Yoosuf and Moosaa and Haroon. Thus do we reward al-Muhsinoon. "

Soorah Al-An'aam (6):83-84

Then He said:

"And also some of their fathers and their offspring and their brethren - We chose them and We guided them to the Straight Path. This is the guidance of Allaah the Most High, with which He guides whomsoever He wills of His slaves. But if they had joined in worship others with Allaah the Most High, all that they used to do would not have been of any benefit to them."

Soorah Al-An'aam(6):88

All of the Prophets ('alayhimus salaatu wassalaam) started their call with the call to Tawheed.

Allaah the Most High said about Nooh ('Alayhi salaam):

"And We sent Nooh to his people saying: 'O my people! Worship Allaah the Most High, for verily you have no 'ilaah' (god) except Him.'"

Soorah Al-Mu'minoon(23):23

And Allaah the Most High said:

"And We sent to 'Aad their brother Hood, saying to his people: 'O my people! Worship Allaah the Most High, for verily you have no 'ilaah' (god) except Him.'"

Soorah Al-A'raaf (7):65

And Allaah the Most High said:

"And to Madyan we sent their brother Shu'ayb and he said: 'O my people! Worship Allaah the Most High, for you have no 'ilaah' (god) except Him.'"

Soorah Al-A'raaf (7):85)

Allaah the Most High mentioned all of the Messengers in a general manner, when He said:

"And We sent to every nation a Messenger commanding them to worship Allaah the Most High alone and to stay away from at-Taaghoot (false deities) and from them there were those whom Allaah the Most High (Subhaanahu wa Ta'aala) guided and from them there were those upon whom straying was justified."

Soorah An-Nahl(16):36

And Allaah the Most High said:

"And We did not send before you a Messenger except that We revealed to him
that 'None has the right to be worshipped except Me.'"
Soorah Al-Anbiyaa (21):25